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SUBJECT: CCD: ENMOD WORKING GROUP

1. AT ITS FIRST MEETING ON JULY 2, NEWLY CREATED ENMOD WORKING GROUP, UNDER SKILLFUL LEADERSHIP OF ARGENTINE CHAIRMAN-OF-DAY (BERASTAGUA) TOOK SEVERAL DECISIONS THAT WILL GOVERN GROUP'S METHOD OF WORK. MOST OF DECISIONS WERE BASED ON UNDERSTANDING REACHED EARLIER IN CONSULTATIONS AMONG US, SOVIET AND ARGENTINE DELOFFS.

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FOLLOWING WERE PRINCIPLA ITEMS COVERED AT MEETING.

2. SCHEDULE OF WORK. GROUP AGREED TO MEET THREE TIMES A WEEK (MONDAY AFTERNOON, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AND FRIDAY MORNING), AND TO HOLD FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON FRIDAY, JULY 9. IT ALSO DECIDED TO SET AUGUST 6 AS TARGET DATE FOR TERMINATION OF WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE AND FOR COMPLETION OF WORKING GROUP'S REPORT TO THE CCD PLENARY. GENERAL ASSUMPTION IS THAT CCD, IN PLENARY SESSION, SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WORK OF GROUP AND GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO ANY ISSUES ON WHICH CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE REACHED IN WORKING GROUP.

3. REPORT OF WORKING GROUP. ALTHOUGH DECISION ADOPTED BY CCD (GENEVA 5254) PROVIDES FOR PERIODIC REPORTS OF WORKING GROUP TO THE PLENARY, GROUP WENT ALONG WITH CHAIRMAN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT BURDENSOME REPORTING REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND THAT, IF POSSIBLE, GROUP SHOULD SUBMIT SINGLE REPORT TO PLENARY AT CONCLUSION OF ITS WORK. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT REPORT WOULD BE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT AND WOULD CONTAIN TREATY LANGUAGE ON WHICH CONSENSUS COULD BE ACHIEVED AS WELL AS TREATMENT IN SOME FASHION (LEFT OPEN FOR NOW) OF PROVISIONS ON WHICH CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE REACHED.

4. METHOD OF WORK. IT WAS AGREED THAT JULY 9 MEETING WOULD BEGIN "FIRST READING" OF TEXT, WHERE DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFYING US/SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION. SECOND READING WOULD INVOLVE ARTICLE BY ARTICLE DISCUSSION OF SUGGESTED CHANGES WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING CONSENSUS ON AS MANY TREATY ARTICLES AS POSSIBLE. READINGS OF TEXT WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL EXPIRATION OF WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE OR UNTIL CONSENSUS IS ACHIEVED ON ENTIRE TEXT.  
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